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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

TO: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Trail Acquisition
Interlochen to Kaleva Trail – Manistee County
Land Transaction Case #20080047

Purchase: 67.2 acres – (2.25 linear miles) – \$167,000.00

Description: See “Exhibit A” for complete legal description

Seller: Robert Gentz Forest Products, Inc., Manistee, Michigan

Reservations: None

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources’
(Department) September 2, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval
on September 9, 2008.

Comments: Of the offered 67.2 acres, 27.20 acres consists of inactive railroad
corridor that not only fills a 2.25-mile gap in Department ownership on
the Interlochen to Kaleva Trail, but also blocks in Department ownership
along its entire length providing access to roughly 620 acres of State
forest. The remaining 40.0-acre parcel, contiguous to the inactive
railroad corridor, is surrounded by State forest and will further block in
Department ownership. In total, this acquisition will eliminate the need
for the Department to monitor and maintain over 5 miles of private land
boundary.

Acquired in 1996 and 2003, the Interlochen to Kaleva Trail includes a
number of gaps in Department ownership. The trail currently is routed
around the offered parcel utilizing seasonal county roads and two-tracks
that traverse some lowland areas which would be better to avoid. The
acquisition of this parcel fills a major gap in the trail and eliminates the
need for the trail reroute.

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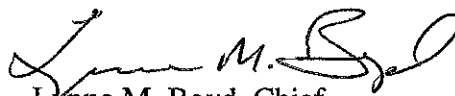
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Based on past practice, acquisition cases involving Michigan Trailways are presented to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) for approval.

- Recommendations:
- (1) That the proposed right-of-way acquisition be approved by the NRC under the Abandoned Railroad Policy (NRC Policy 2626) adopted by the Commission at its April 1973 meeting.
 - (2) That the corridor and contiguous parcel, totaling 67.2 acres, be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Trailways Initiative as contained in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006.
 - (3) That the property be dedicated for public use and administered by the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.
 - (4) That the corridor rights be acquired for use as a Michigan Trailway and designated as such when the legislated requirements are met, pursuant to Part 721 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



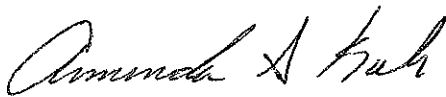
Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management



Douglas A. Reeves, Acting Chief
Wildlife

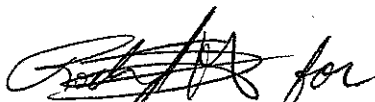


Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation



Armina S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the NRC has authority.



Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

August 18, 2008

Exhibit A
Legal Description
Robert Gentz Forest Products, Inc.

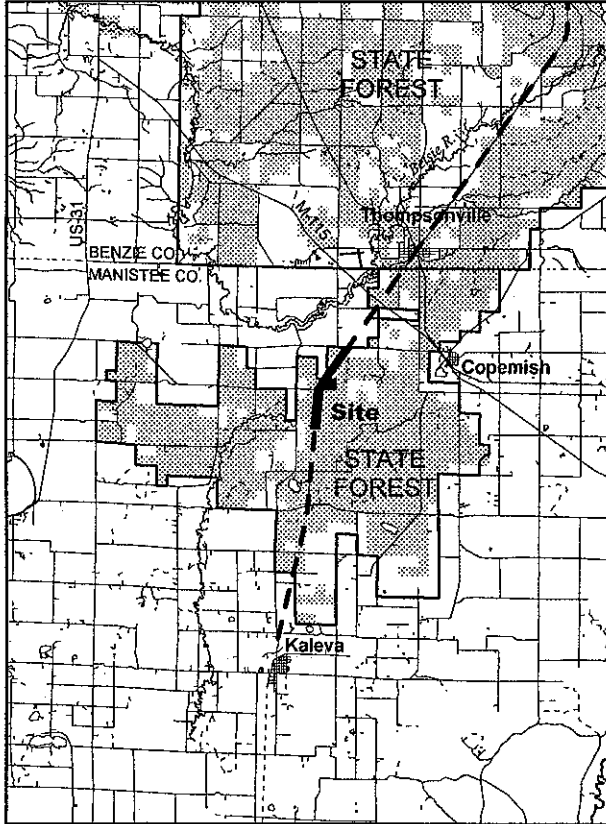
Parcels of land located in Sections 14, 15, and 22, T24N, R14W (Springdale Township), Manistee County, Michigan, described as follows:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 15. Said parcel contains 40 acres, more or less (m/l).

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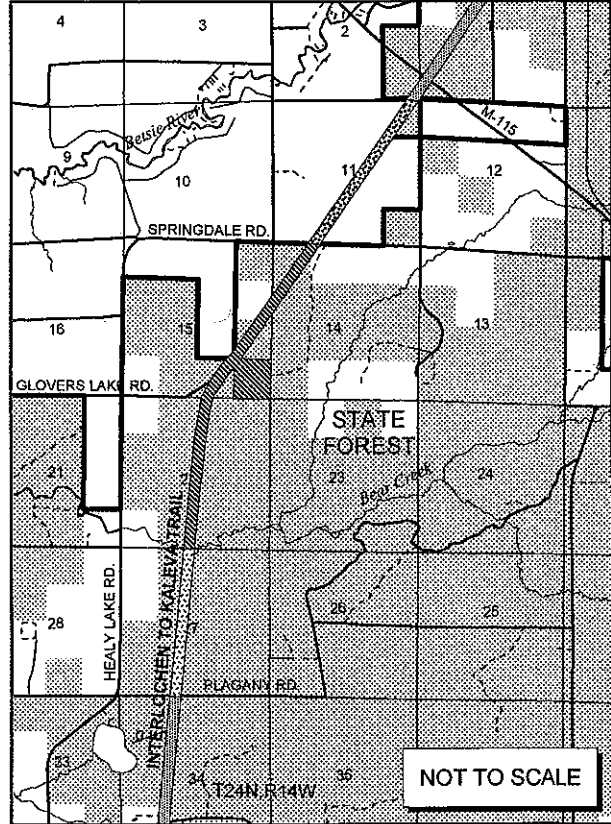
A portion of the former C & O Railroad 100 feet wide right-of-way (ROW) lying 50 feet on either side of a centerline described as: Commencing at the intersection of said RR ROW centerline and the South line of said Section 22 for the point of beginning (POB), 205 feet, m/l, West of the SE corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence Northerly 5,317 feet, m/l, to the North line of said Section 22, 410 feet, m/l, East of the NE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence Northeasterly 3,990 feet, m/l, to the East line of said Section 15, 615 feet, m/l, North of the SE corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 15 and 2,070 feet, m/l, South of the NW corner of said Section 14; thence Northeasterly 2,540 feet, m/l, to the North line of said Section 14 for the point of ending (POE), 105 feet, m/l, East of the NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 14. Said parcel contains 27.20 acres, m/l.

STATE FOREST TRAIL ACQUISITION
Traverse City Management Unit - Manistee County
Interlochen to Kaleva Trail
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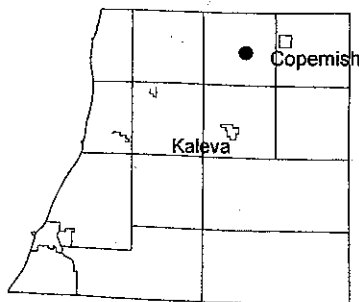
Regional Location

- State Forest Boundary
- - Interlochen to Kaleva Trail
- ▨ State Land
- Private Land



Sections 14, 15, and 22, T24N, R14W
Springdale Township

- ▨ Land Offered to DNR
 (67.2 acres - \$167,000.00)
 40-acre parcel and 27.2 acres of inactive
 railroad corridor
- ▨ Corridor Owned by Snowmobile Club
- ▨ Corridor Owned by Merit Energy
- ▨ Corridor Owned by DNR



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